

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 212 - HB 1045**

March 20, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires a licensing authority in the Division of Health-Related Boards under the Department of Health (DOH) to restrict or revoke the license of a healthcare prescriber if the prescriber is indicted or convicted, respectively, for a criminal offense that involved a controlled substance violation or sexual abuse. Requires a licensing authority to suspend the license of a nurse or physician assistant that fails to collaborate with a physician for any act that requires collaboration in the nurse's or physician assistant's scope of practice. Requires the chief administrative official of a hospital or facility to report certain information to the respective licensing board or agency.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005274):** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to specify that the chair of the licensing authority or administrative staff of the licensing authority designated by the chair, is authorized to restrict or revoke the license of a health care prescriber who is indicted of a criminal offense.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will impact a minimal number of licensees under the Division; therefore, no significant decrease in healthcare professional licensing revenue is estimated.
- The Division can review any additional reports of disciplinary action within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division had an annual surplus of \$2,524,075 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$1,107,948 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,229,587 on June 30, 2020.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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